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SUBJECT: COMMERCE MINISTERS MEETING FOLLOW-UP ON VINYL SHEET
FLOORING PROBLEM

REF: (A) STATE 262903, (B) SEOUL 10303

1. IN AN ORAL REPLY FROM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR KIM, AMERICA'S
DIVISION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (MCI), EMBOFF
HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT ROKG CONSIDERS IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE
TO CONSIDER LIBERALIZING (CCN 39.02) VINYL SHEET FLOORING
AT THIS TIME.

2. KIM STATED THAT THE SIX MANUFACTURERS WITH NINE PRODUCTION
LINES WITH A TOTAL MONTHLY CAPACITY OF 300,000 SQUARE METERS
HAVE BEEN OPERATING AT 57 PERCENT OF CAPACITY (170,000 SQ.
METERS). MCI HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING THE IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR
POOR QUALITY PRODUCTS BOTH IN THE INTERESTS OF MAKING THESE
EXPORT COMPETITIVE AND BRINGING PRODUCTION NEARER TO CAPACITY.
KIM SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE ROKG WOULD FAVOR FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY
INDUCTION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE KOREAN PRODUCT, IT CONSIDERS
THAT, LIBERALIZING IMPORT OF THE PRODUCT ITSELF WOULD FURTHER
WEAKEN THE INDUSTRY.

3. KIM POINTED OUT THAT CONSIDERABLE OPPORTUNITY ALREADY
EXISTS FOR IMPORT OF THE U.S. PRODUCT FOR APPROVED PROJECTS
SUCH AS GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND HOSPITALS, TOURIST HOTELS AND
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INSTALLATIONS THAT ARE FOREIGN FINANCED. HE STATED THAT
M.C.I. HAS RECORDED THE U.S. REQUEST AND WOULD KEEP IT IN
MIND FOR FUTURE LIBERALIZATION.
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